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FOR: GAS GENERATOR FOR AIR BAG AND AIR BAG APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT AND ELECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on September 10, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-6 and 19-27 to read:

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1. (amended) A gas generator for an air bag, comprising a housing having a gas discharge port, said housing containing ignition means to be actuated by impact and gas generating means to be ignited and burnt by the ignition means for generating a combustion gas to inflate an air bag, wherein said housing is configured to provide two combustion chambers which store gas generating means and a communication hole which allows mutual communication between the respective combustion chambers, said communication hole being closed by a metal thin plate having a tensile strength of 15 kg/mm<sup>2</sup> or more and a thickness of 10 to 200  $\mu$ m.